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Prof. A. Gray

Dear Sir -

I send you a billb
by Mail of what is taken to be a different Lily from
L. Condense - to avoid confusion & be
rightly understood, it is well to appeal
to living truths, for they surely bring the error
back from his wandering. Please notice the
peculiar scales - one of these bulbs given
Mr. H. C. Bloomer (after whom we designate it) for
his culture at his new homestead - has the largest
scale 4 (four) inches across the base. By
actual measurement. The species off sets very
sparingly, as will be found by experience. Ask
to take your valuable ^{fruit} further in details - This is to say,
if not among your collection of cultivated natives;
it is hoped it will prove acceptable.

Putting in seeds with such a humid
companion would appear to be a heedless
oversight or lack of judgement. But please
view it as an off hand filling for a vacant
space - Chasing about - could fix upon
nothing at hand so likely to meet Eastern

wants as *Abies Pattoniana* (*A. Williamsonii*) -
It can scarcely be said to be introduced
here; hence the presumption of its desir-
-ability abroad. Besides last year it
failed entirely &c. So also *Abies*
occidentalis, *Fremontii* - Acorns would
have been better than the bulk of these I had
given all away - very able to keep them on a trip
of distance, or else - My *Torreya Californica*
chiefly sent to Washington D.C. *Juglans rupestris*,
Quercus. These are more appropriate
associates though not now accessible. If
any of these are desirable pray inform me
of the desirable species and if they come
in my path they will surely be sent - So we
only know they are needed.

I shall have a new Conifer to offer
you ere long - new to this Continent i.e.
North or South America, at least. I have
known of it, by rumour for more than a
quarter of a century. I have now ~~it~~
decisive, beyond the shadow of a doubt
but still too imperfect to warrant a
technical description. I shall visit
the locality in person as soon as I

get the means. Hope to have the pleasure of
sending you specimens complete this season.
The geological features of being to light
are more important than the botanical.

Yours truly
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